

THE SELECTIVE SERVICE AND TRAINING ACT OF 1940

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## SUMMARY

This paper contains a brief discussion of the background, the purposes, and the administration of the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940. Charts, graphs, and clippings are included in this report to show the details of registration cards, the increase in the national quota up to July 1, 1941, and the administrative organization.

#### PASSING OF THE ACT

On September 14, 1940 the Congress of the United States passed the Selective Service Training Act of 1940, and on September 16, 1940 the President of the United States signed the bill thereby making it a law. The passing of the bill was significant because it marked the first peace time conscription of our man power. The act provides, in general, that, from a population of 16,404,000 men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five, 800,000 will be inducted into military service for a twelve month period before July 1, 1941. These men will be a supplement to the armed forces of the United States already existent.

#### PURPOSE OF THE ACT

The purpose of the Selective Service and Training act may best be set forth by quoting from section 101 of the act itself: "The purpose of the Selective Service is to secure an orderly, just, and democratic method whereby the military manpower of the United States may be made available for training and service in the land and naval forces of the United States, as provided by the Congress, with the least possible disruption of the social and economic life of the nation."

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT

The above mentioned purpose is to be accomplished by processes as set forth in the act. The first process, that of registration, is the listing by name of every male citizen between the ages of 21 and 35 with a few exceptions in the case of men who have been or are now in military service.

The second process, classification and selection, is the one whereby the availability of one man with respect to another is determined by the local draft board. (See fig. 1&2 for sample classification cards.) The third and final process is the actual induction into military service of those selected by the local board.

The quotas for the states and the subdivisions therein have been determined by the ratio of the number of registrants in the given area to the number of registrants in the nation. A graph showing the quotas per month from the country as a whole is shown in fig. 3.

The elements of the Selective Service System are shown in their relative positions in fig. 4. The duty of the Local Board is to classify the registrants. The Advisory Board for Registrants advises the registrant in any matters pertaining to questionnaires and appeals. The Medical Advisory Board is composed of practicing physicians whose duty it is to make the final decision in cases concerning physical availability for military service. The Board of Appeals is the board to which the registrant appeals the decisions of the Local Board concerning classification. The State Headquarters has charge of the operation of the Selective Service System within the state, and the National Headquarters with Dr. Clarence Dykstra as Director, operates the Selective Service System within the nation.

#### CONCLUSION

In my opinion the successful operation of this act during its five years of existence depends upon the absolute integrity of the administers of the act, both local and national, and in the willingness of every registrant to do his patriotic duty to make his country safe from invasion or subjugation by any foreign power.

Figure 1

THOSE IMPORTANT CARDS—This is one side of the revised registration cards to be filled out by men, 21 to 35 years of age, who must register October 16 under the Selective Service Act.

REGISTRATION CARD			
D. S. S. Form 1 16-00000 (Rev. 1940) (Registration & Selective Service)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THESE ARE TRUE.			
(Number and street of R. F. D. number) (Town) (State)			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
(Name and street of R. F. D. number) (Town) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME			
(Name and street of R. F. D. number) (Town) (State)			
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON			
(Alt., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON			
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS			
(Name) (Age) (Year) (State or country)			
6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP			
5. PLACE OF BIRTH			
(Town and country)			
4. AGE IN YEARS			
(Number and street of R. F. D. number, city, town or country, and state)			
3. TELEPHONE			
2. ADDRESS (Print)			
1. NAME (Print)			
SERIAL NUMBER			
ORDER NUMBER			

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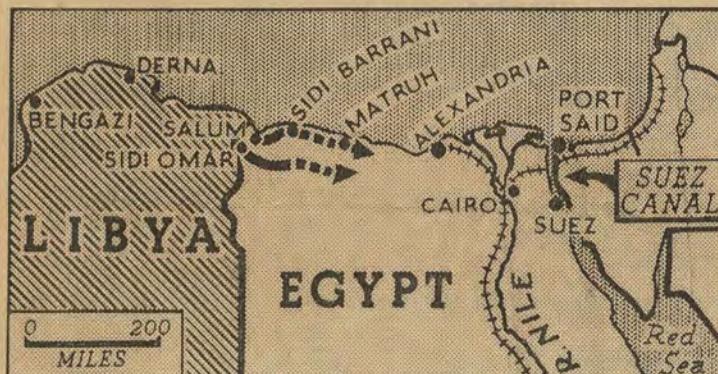
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## Fleet Bombards Italians; Claims Egyptian Victory; Damage East London Area



Map showing where Britain's fleet and air force is reported today to have shelled and bombed Italian troops and supply centers along 350 miles of Libyan-Egyptian coast. Course of previously reported two-column Italian drive (arrow) into Egypt, which Marshal Graziani said today was pushing back British in disorderly retreat, also is shown.

—A. P. Wirephoto.

### Ribbentrop Confers With Mussolini on Next Move in War

Indications Seen Spain  
May Come In or Permit  
Gibraltar Attack

By the Associated Press.

ROME, Sept. 19.—Adolf Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, conferred with Premier Mussolini this afternoon and on this consultation may pivot the next turn in the European war.

Linked with the talks at Il Duce's Palazzo Venezia was the possibility of a broadened war, with indications that Spain might be drawn in, at least to the extent of permitting an axis drive across her territory against Britain's Gibraltar strong-

### Nazi Press Demands Unlimited Bomb War Against Britain

Anger Stirred by Charge  
That 9 Children Were  
Killed in R. A. F. Raid

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—A call for unlimited bomb warfare on England in retaliation for the reported bombing of a German hospital was sounded in the German press today.

It followed cautious hints that the aerial struggle might go on through the winter, but with new pressure of some sort on other "vulnerable" points of the British Empire.

Der Angriff, Propaganda Minister Goebbels' paper, demanded thousand-fold retaliation for the bombing at Bethel, Prussia, in which the high command said 9 children were killed and 12 injured.

### Long Night Raid Hits New Peak Of Intensity

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Several casualties and some damage were caused this morning when a German raider, beginning a daylight attack in the wake of a heavy night assault, dropped three or four bombs on an East London district.

The raider opened a new day—the 13th—of the Nazi air offensive against London, already rated the most bombed city in history, as the city's millions sought to resume their tasks and to put right as far as possible damage done in an all-night raid described by reporters as the fiercest yet.

German bombers flew to the renewed assault over England's east and southeastern coasts and the Air Ministry reported three shot down in morning fighting, one over East Anglia, northeast of London, and two off the southeast coast.

Londoners traveled to work on buses which crawled through damaged streets and along devious detours, and surveyed the battered facades of business buildings newly damaged in last night's dusk-to-dawn raid, which reached a new peak of intensity.

A portion of the press raised new

### British Censors Ban Cabling of Times Of Air Raid Alarms

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—British censorship was tightened unexpectedly today to prevent publication or cabling of times of London air raid alarms. The restriction applies to the start of alarms and the finish.

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### U. S. Now Building 1,000 Planes A Month; British Getting Half

Output Expected to Be 20,000 Ships  
Annually by Next February

American military airplane production has reached a total of approximately 1,000 per month and should be 18,000 to 20,000 airplanes per year by February or March, according to reports received by officials of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce.

Of the total production, it has been estimated the British today are receiving approximately 50 per cent, or 500 a month.

United States factories will not be "in real production" under the emergency contracts being awarded by the Federal Government for the Army and Navy before next June, it was estimated.

By that time, the completion of factories now under construction and the delivery of machine tools now on order are expected to speed up production, possibly to 25,000 to 30,000 a year, according to present estimates.

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was pointed out, already is beginning to show the effects of orders placed by the factories for new plant construction and machine tools in anticipation of the contracts for airplanes awarded recently by the Army and Navy.

It is estimated that by February, delivery of new warplanes to England and Canada will reach a total of 550 to 575 a month, and probably will remain at about that level until the spring of 1942, when present plant expansion programs in the United States will have been completed and the production rate is expected to reach its maximum.

By April, 1942, under the program of the National Defense Advisory Commission, a total of 14,000 airplanes will have been delivered to Great Britain and 19,000 to the United States Army and Navy.

The Aeronautical Chamber reports cover both combat and training types of airplanes. The proportion of fighting planes is going up steadily and now outnumbers

### Labor Board Called Likely Place to Hunt 'Fifth Columnists'

Member and Legal Aides  
Attacked by Ex-Counsel  
For Congress Probe

By the Associated Press.

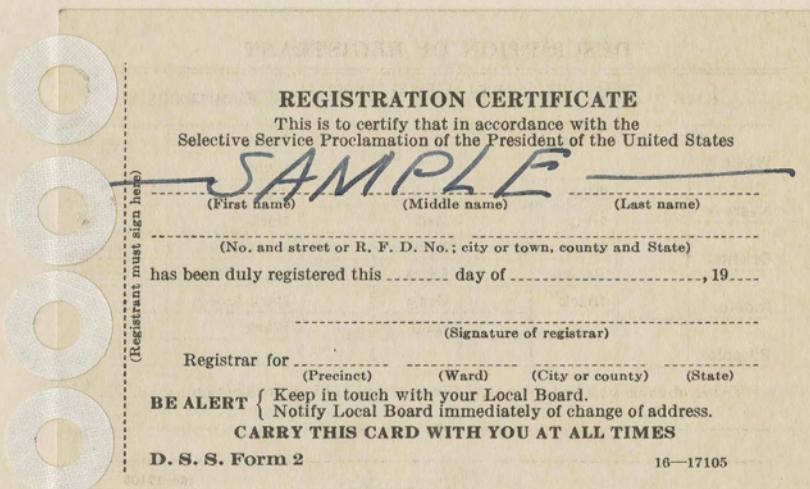
COLORADO SPRINGS, Sept. 19.—Edmund M. Toland, former general counsel for the congressional committee investigating the 1934 Labor Relations Board, said today that any "fifth column" search "might very well start" in N. L. R. B.

In an address prepared in the metal mining convention of the American Mining Congress, Toland declared "the hint of socialism permeates a great part of the board's personnel."

Findings of the committee, he said, "would seem to warrant the conclusion" that any "fifth column" search should begin in the N. L. R. B.

Mr. Toland said the board "be cause it has been given jurisdiction over disputes between capital and labor is one of the most vital

Figure 2



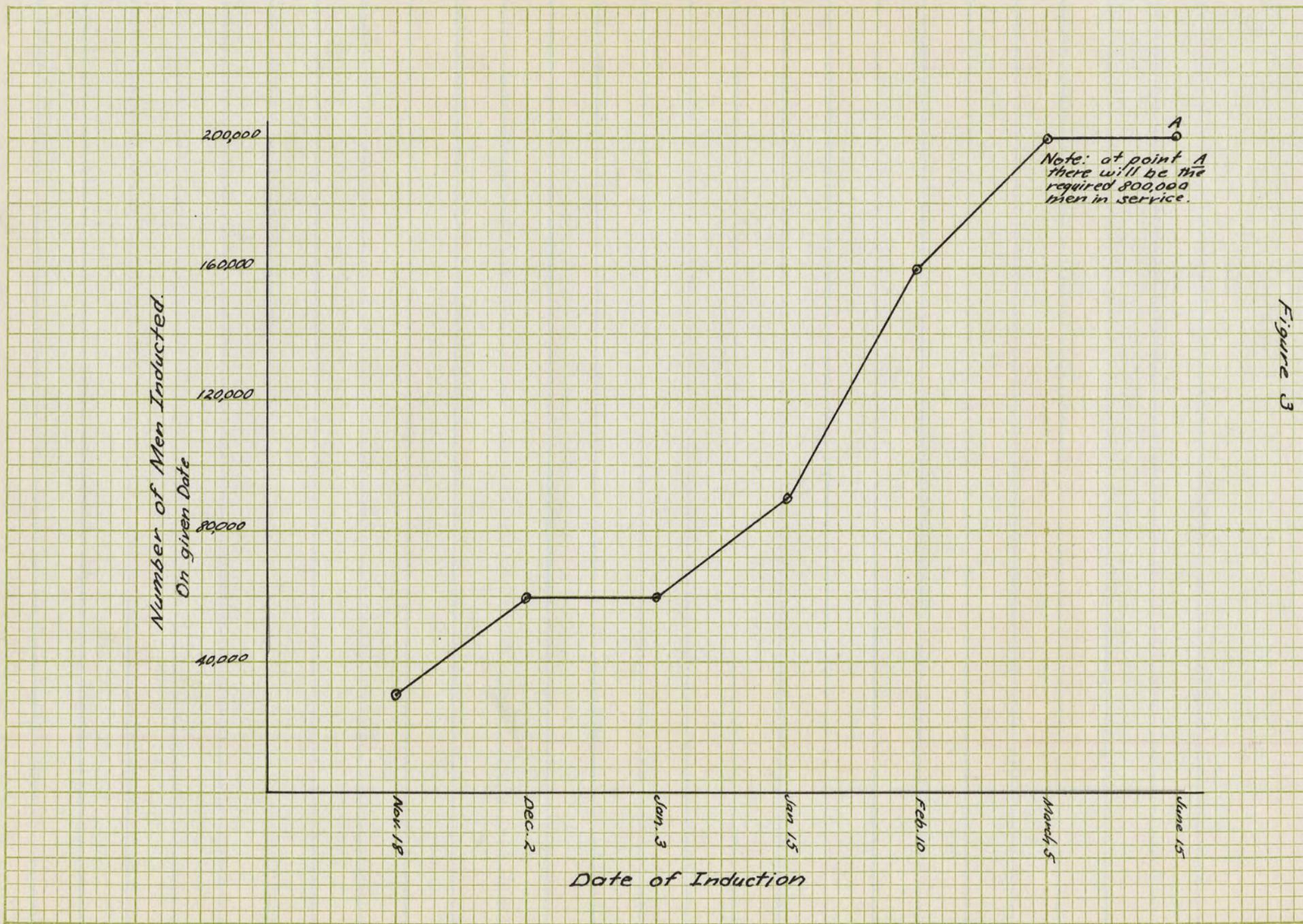
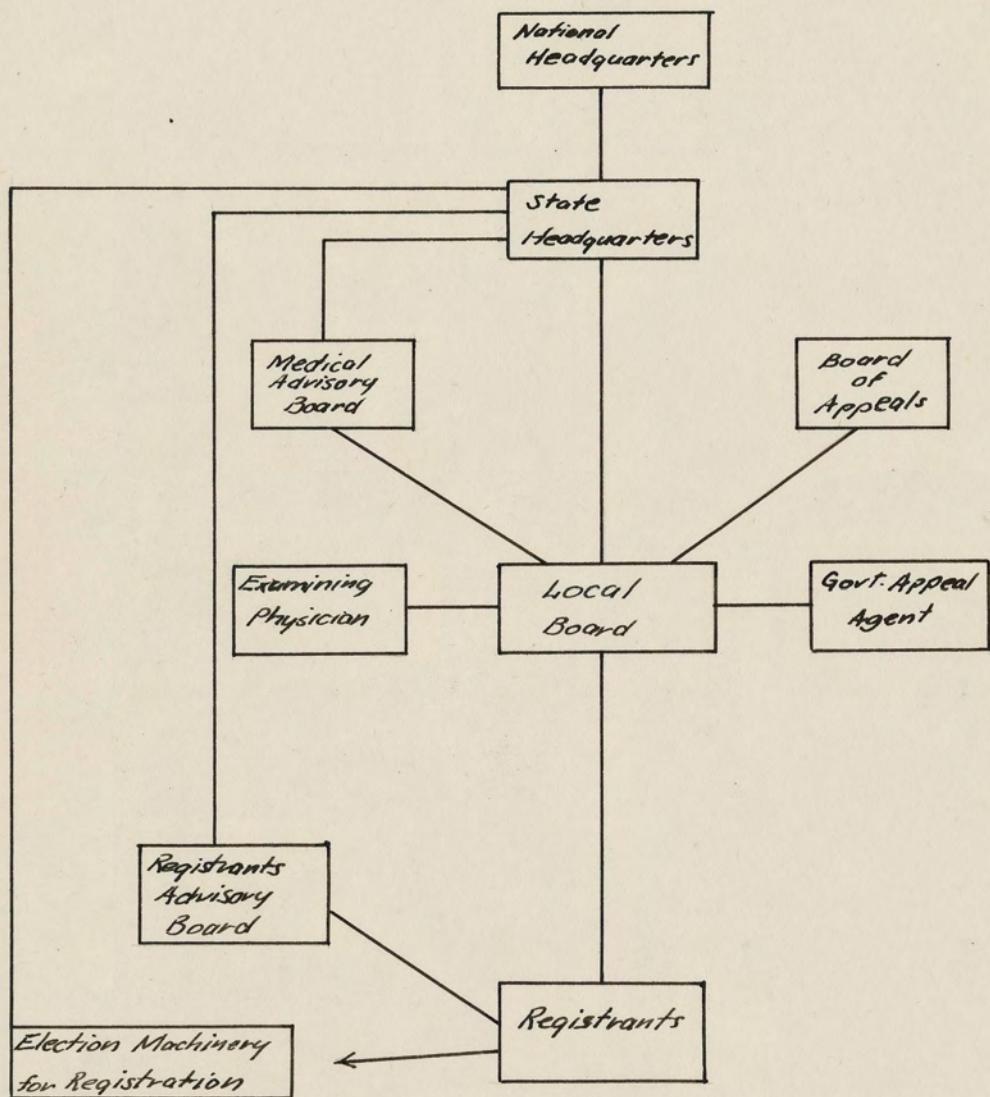


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Figure 4

ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM



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